

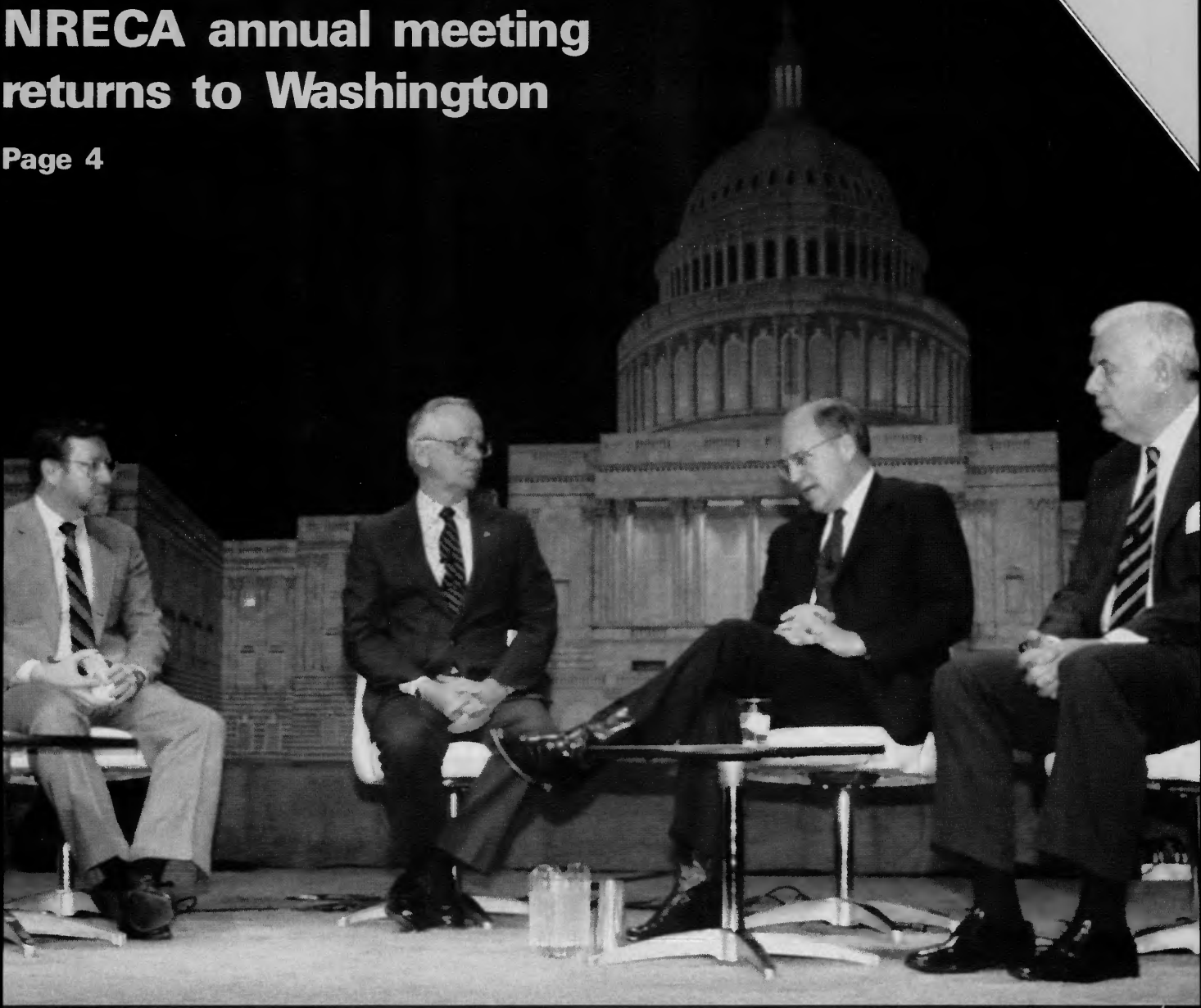
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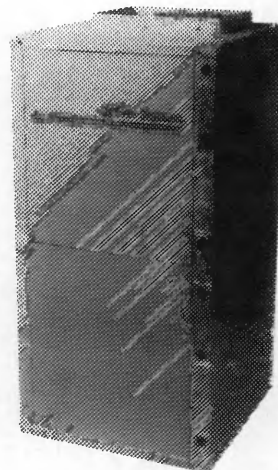
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## Same old, worn-out story

Elsewhere in this issue of the Illinois Rural Electric News is an article about the annual meeting of the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA) in February. During that meeting, Sen. Robert Byrd of West Virginia said that the problems of the environment, health care, jobs, defense, education are all captives of the federal deficit. There are no easy solutions.

As part of the effort to bring the deficit under control, there is considerable emphasis on government waste. You've seen these stories before: \$100 hammers, pork-barrel projects, substandard manufactured parts, cozy contracts, etc. No question, there is much of that in our government, and we should never give up trying to eliminate it.

The problem, though, is that, in some of these articles, rural electrification gets dragged into the picture. That makes for a poor apples-and-oranges comparison, and much of the criticism of the rural electric program is based on philosophical differences, not necessarily fact.

A recent Wall Street Journal article took some potshots at the program, and it drew a response from the electric cooperatives. Bob Bergland, NRECA general manager, wrote to the WSJ editor:

*"Bob Davis seems to have fallen for a tired and discredited sound bite on the Rural Electrification Administration in his Jan. 20 'Candidates for the Budget Ax?'*

*About 30 years ago, rural electric co-ops first heard they should close up shop because most people had electricity. The silliness of this was apparent to anyone who gave any thought to the needs of the new people and industry moving into rural areas. Still, the line has been perpetuated by opponents of rural electrification, who didn't even bother to update it to account for the devastating effects of foreign competition on agriculture and resource-based economies of rural areas. You would think that people concerned about America's place in the world economy would give at least a passing nod to electricity's role in the rural infrastructure. Modern, electricity-dependent agriculture has consistently been the one bright spot in the otherwise dismal U.S. world trade picture. That didn't happen by putting up poles and walking away.*

*The most hackneyed part of Mr. Davis's argument—used almost 20 years ago by Richard Nixon—is that these co-ops serve 'posh country club resorts.' I don't understand why he omits the fact that those same co-ops serve some of the most impoverished people in this country, who otherwise might not be able to afford electricity at all. An industry doesn't have to have smokestacks to provide legitimate jobs. Economic and social diversity is a community strength, not a problem.*

*And for those interested in accuracy concerning the 'low-interest loans' to rural electric systems: nearly two-thirds of the REA financing has been at the going Treasury rate."*

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Cover: From left are Jim Gannon, Washington bureau chief for the Detroit News; Bob Bergland, NRECA general manager; House Republican Whip Richard Cheney of Wyoming, and House Democratic Majority Leader Thomas S. Foley of Washington. They were panelists during a general session of the NRECA annual meeting February 13-15 in Washington. See article beginning on page 4.



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# Tough decisions ahead

***Congressional leaders straightforward about economy, environment, health care, education***

Clockwise from lower right: Kirk Weiler (left) of Ashmore (Coles County) participated in the meeting as Illinois delegate on the NRECA Youth Consulting Board. Sen. Robert Byrd. Sen. Robert Dole.

This is a year for tough choices, rural electric leaders were told during the 47th Annual Meeting of the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA) last month in Washington, D.C. The environment, the federal budget, the nation's economy, health care and education will all require some hard decisions to be made soon, speaker after speaker said.

Sen. Robert Byrd, a West Virginia Democrat, was one of the first to address the meeting, commenting on the new spirit of bipartisanship he senses in the nation's capital since President George Bush took office.

Sen. Byrd noted early that, when it

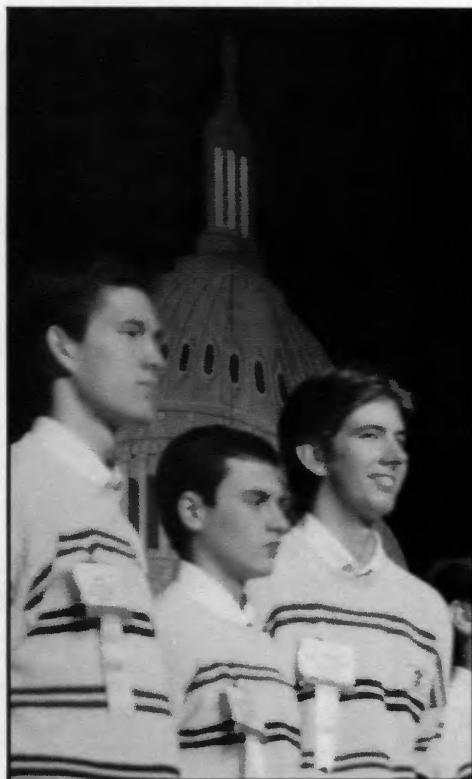
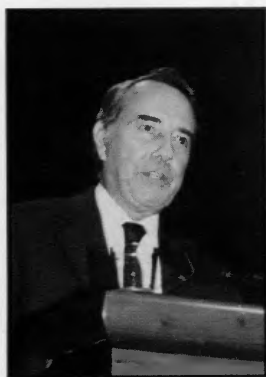
comes to dealing with the nation's problems, all the easy choices have already been taken. "There are just a lot of tough choices ahead," he said. He touched on several issues, among them acid rain, and predicted that some kind of legislation attempting to deal with the problem will probably make it through Congress this year.

Apparently setting the tone for following speakers, Sen. Byrd stressed the need to deal with the federal budget deficit.

"The environment, health care, jobs, defense, education—virtually every facet of American life," he said, "are captives of the deficit. All the interest dollars we pay on that bill won't create one job, educate one child, or build one tank, and it's causing us to plunge into the red every year. We're going to have to make some tough choices soon," he added.

Sen. Robert Dole, a Kansas Republican who made an unsuccessful bid for the Republican presidential nomination in 1988, spoke and noted that he, too, expected an acid rain bill to pass. He also said, as a defeated candidate, he wished President Bush well. "We all should," he said, "because if he succeeds, we all succeed, and I urge you to work with him to solve our very real problems." He noted that America's problems "can't be solved with gimmicks, and there are no easy choices. But together, we can make a go of it."

Sen. Dole urged the electric cooperative representatives to advance low-cost rural development proposals. "You'll find many in Congress who'll help make it happen," he said, adding, "When we



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—Sen. Robert Byrd

talk about the erosion of the economy, we can't forget about rural America.”

Rep. Virginia Smith of Nebraska received NRECA's Distinguished Service Award “for her tireless efforts to better the lives of all rural Americans, her stalwart support of rural electrification, her lifetime devotion to the cause of agriculture and her defense of the public interest,” according to the inscription on her plaque.

Rep. Smith noted that the rural electrification program will have to battle the administration over the budget plans President Bush outlined earlier. The plan, she notes, retains former President Reagan's suggested modifications to the federal power programs, including the sale of two power marketing administrations and repayment schemes that would drive power costs up as much as 165 percent in some parts of the country. She also pointed out that Bush's plan calls for deeper Agriculture Department cuts than Reagan proposed. “But,” she emphasized, “Congress will not go along with any plan to eliminate or weaken the Rural Electrification Administration (REA).”

Don Heathington of New Mexico, NRECA president, said, “President Bush has called upon all Americans and all sectors of the economy to work hand in hand with our government in a private/public partnership. We in the rural electrification program have been doing just that for over 50 years. The real role model for such a partnership has been the REA and the rural electric cooperatives.” He noted that the last NRECA annual meeting held in Washington was in 1959, on the eve of the 1960 Presidential campaign. “Now, as then, we are at a crossroads of change: in our national leadership, in our foreign policy directions, in international trade in our economic priorities at home. And now, as then, we wonder if the years and years that the rural electric program has been under constant siege might finally be coming to an end. We earnestly hope so,” he added.



Heathington pointed out that the theme of this year's meeting, “Rural Electrification: Foundations for Community Action,” pretty much spells out the co-ops' willingness to join in the partnership to revitalize all America.

“With our know-how and commitment to local community enhancement, we offer the most hope of any segment of our industrial society for finding solutions to complicated problems. To do the job right, we need an REA that

**Robert W. Rippelmeyer (center), president of the board of Monroe County Electric Co-Operative, Waterloo, is the Illinois director on the board of NRECA. A three-dimensional scale model of the U.S. Capitol formed the backdrop for the meeting stage.**



**"I think farm people today probably have more stress than they've ever had in their lives."**

—Willard Scott of the "Today" show

**Illinois directors gather before the business meeting. From left are William P. Raber of Saybrook, Raymond C. Snell of Thebes and Richard D. Moss of Tamms. Raber is a director of Eastern Illini Electric Cooperative, and Snell and Moss are directors of Southern Illinois Electric Cooperative.**



will be vigorous advocate of rural electrification, not its executioner," he said.

Bob Bergland, NRECA general manager, echoed those sentiments, and expressed disappointment over the Bush Administration budget proposals. "The Bush Administration rubber-stamped Ronald Reagan's budget proposals for REA, which will cut the heart of the rural electrification program," he said.

Bergland told his audience that a "kinder, gentler" approach, to cite President Bush's famous phrase, did not appear in the Administration's budget proposals. "We're being asked again to acquiesce to a proposal that ignores the enormous potential for a big return on a small investment in the nation's countryside: a plan that would cripple, if not

Bergland, also a panelist, seconded that, adding, "It's kind of a wild roller coaster ride out there. Our suicide rates are higher, our alcohol abuse is higher, and spouse mistreatment is up. The numbers show that the problem is worse in rural areas."

Dr. Robert Hirschfield said that depression, the mental illness most often associated with farm troubles, can be treated, but often goes undetected. Many people "are afraid of what neighbors might think" if they seek treatment, or it's "perceived as a weakness to seek medical help for it," he said.

Two house leaders shared the spotlight for an hour of questioning by two Washington reporters in a "Meet the Press" type of session that explored a wide range of current issues. In response to a question from Washington Post reporter David Broder, House Majority Leader Rep. Thomas Foley, a Washington Democrat, cited a new spirit of cooperation between the White House and Capitol Hill that should help yield meaningful deficit reduction, even if it's still a painful process. House Minority Whip Rep. Richard Cheney, a Wyoming Republican, warned that agriculture spending will have to be trimmed, because "No part of the budget is immune except maybe Social Security." Both agreed that Congress will probably increase the minimum wage.

Dr. Ralph Perhac, senior environmental scientist for the Electric Power Research Institute, stressed that the "greenhouse effect" is a matter of fact and more than just scientific theory, but that dire predictions of a burnt-out world should be taken with a grain of salt. "The U.S. share of carbon dioxide and sulfur dioxide, the major greenhouse gases produced by coal- and oil-fired power plants, has been declining since World War II, while Third World energy use and emissions have skyrocketed," he stressed. "As they've industrialized and improved their people's standards of living," Perhac con-

mortally wound, a mainstay of the rural economy," he said.

The subject "Stress in Rural America" drew much attention, a reflection of the fact that stress is a real problem. Willard Scott, weatherman on NBC's "Today" show, moderated a panel discussion on the subject.

"I think farm people today probably have more stress than they've ever had in their lives," Scott said, adding that the severely depressed farm economy is likely the cause.

**“It’s (greenhouse effect) a complicated issue, and a global one. We can’t solve the problem alone.”**

**—Dr. Ralph Perhac, environmental scientist**



tinued, “they’ve done that partly by using more energy, and it all adds up to more gases in the atmosphere. It doesn’t matter whether it’s a power plant burning coal, a farmer burning wood or an African burning dried animal dung, it all adds up.

“It’s a complicated issue, and a global one. We can’t solve the problem alone, and if we take the lead no one follows us, it’s money down the drain.”

Several Illinoisans took active parts in the meetings. Stanley Greathouse of Johnsonville, a director of Wayne-White Counties Electric Cooperative, Fairfield, conducted the Vespers Services. His daughter, Ann Schwengel, sang. Wayne L. Laning of Mt. Sterling, a director of Adams Electrical Co-Operative, Camp Point, gave the invocation.

Robert W. Rippelmeyer of Valmeyer, a director of Monroe County Electric Co-Operative, Waterloo, and Illinois director on the NRECA board, gave the

invocation to start the NRECA meeting. Ann Schwengel sang the National Anthem.

During the National Rural Telecommunications Cooperative (NRTC) meeting, Wm. David Champion, Jr., manager of Eastern Illini Electric Cooperative, Paxton, and Tom Beltz, manager of Hamilton County Telephone Co-Op, Dahlgren, were elected to NRTC’s board. Clinton County Electric Cooperative, Breese, won a PEARL Award, sponsored by the National Rural Electric Women’s Association (NREWA). Clinton County was recognized for the co-op’s efforts in promoting Action Committee for Rural Electrification memberships. Clinton County director James Klingelhoefter of Mascoutah accepted the award on behalf of Susan Heinzmann of Sandoval, who was unable to attend. Margie Mohrman of Camp Point was reelected NREWA director.

**During a break in the meeting, representatives of different cooperatives discuss common issues. From left are William C. Lemons, manager of McDonough Power Co-operative, Macomb; Gregory A. Campbell, manager of Spoon River Electric Co-operative, Canton, and Spoon River directors Wayne Bollinger of Browning, Dennis A. Turner of Lewistown and John W. Butler, also of Lewistown.**

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## **Illinois Community Expo initiative scheduled**

An Illinois Community Expo will be June 1-2 at the O'Hare Exposition Center and Hyatt Regency O'Hare in Rosemont. The Expo initiative will be a joint program of the Illinois Ambassadors, the Office of Lieutenant Governor and the Rural Affairs Council, the Illinois Department of Commerce and Community Affairs and the Illinois Congressional Delegation. "We discovered during our travels with the Task Force on the Future of Rural Illinois," Lieutenant Gov. George H. Ryan said, "that many small—basically rural—communities are unfamiliar with the existing public and private networks that are available to them and vital for success in economic development. This inability of rural communities in Illinois to reach the decision-makers was recognized in the 1986 Illinois Regionalism Conference sponsored by the Institute for Government Affairs of the University of Illinois. It also became a key recommendation in the March 1987 report of the rural Task Force." The Expo will be co-sponsored by a variety of organizations, including the Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives, and Illinois businesses to promote its success. A series of six regional seminars will be conducted to provide communities with the tools they need to participate in the Expo. Ryan is chairman of the Rural Affairs Council. The six regional seminars will be held: April 3, Southern Illinois University at Carbondale; April 4, Eastern Illinois University at Charleston; April 7, Illinois State University at Normal; April 10, Northern Illinois University at DeKalb; April 13, Western Illinois University at Macomb, and April 14, University of Illinois at Champaign/Urbana. Communities will be provided information on how to market themselves and contact the decision makers within corporations who are responsible for facility site selection and expansion. Seminar formats will include: explanation of minimum standards for presentation of community assets— industrial, commercial and tourism; development of a community profile, land forms and building forms; development of brochures and video tapes; explanation of network agencies—federal and state government and the private sector, and details of the Community Expo.

## **Third Annual Southern Illinois Sheep and Craft Festival**

The Third Annual Southern Illinois Sheep and Craft Festival will be April 8, at the Monroe County Fairgrounds near Waterloo. This event will feature an educational as well as recreational agenda. Planned events include a series of lecture topics by Dr. Gary Ricketts, University of Illinois Extension sheep specialist; shearing demonstrations; all-breed sheep sale; sheep dog demonstrations; spinning and craft demonstrations with wool, and a luncheon menu featuring lamb. Commercial and other exhibits will display purebred sheep breeds, sheep equipment, feed and health products, and sheep- and wool-related craft and gift items. Many of the craft and gift items will be for sale. Admission is free. For information, contact Dennis Thomas at (618) 458-7256.

## **Menard director Bob Brauer honored at IPPA pork conference**

Bob and Rich Brauer, twin brothers of Oakford, are among top pork producers honored at the 1989 Annual Pork Conference of the Illinois Pork Producers Association. The producers received awards for excellence in achievements in hog production in Peoria February 2. The Brauers operate a family corporation, Oasis Farms. The 1,200-sow confinement operations reported an 8.69 pigs/litter weaned average and marketed more than 21,000 hogs last year. They purchased their first purebred gilts for 4-H projects in 1965. After they graduated from the University of Illinois, the family corporation was established to include their father, uncle and sister. Rich and Bob have been active members of the Menard County Pork Producers for the past 10 years. Rich is president of the Menard County Farm Bureau and L.G. Coop. Bob serves as a director and vice president of the IPPA and as a director and treasurer of the board of Menard Electric Cooperative.



## **Rural electricians pay more than they borrow**

Last year consumer-owned rural electric utilities paid the federal government nearly \$4 billion more than they borrowed from the Rural Electrification Administration (REA) and the Federal Financing Bank (FFB). Rural electric loan programs, administered by the REA, an Agriculture Department agency, brought in a net of \$3.9 billion in fiscal year 1988. That figure results from subtracting \$780 million in advances of guaranteed and Revolving Fund loans from \$4.7 billion worth of principal and interest payments on past loans. Revolving Fund loans go mainly to distribution systems and are used for extending or upgrading service to consumers. Guarantees are used mainly by generation and transmission co-ops for power supply and transmission projects to deliver electricity to member systems. Those loans are guaranteed by the REA and in most cases the actual loan is made by the FFB, which is part of the Treasury Department. In fiscal year 1988 principal payments alone totaled more than \$2.5 billion. About \$2 billion of that is a one-time prepayment of loan guarantees by several generation co-ops that were able to take advantage of lower interest rates by paying off the balance of their loans from the FFB and using the guarantees to refinance the loans through private lenders. In addition, rural electric systems paid the federal government more than \$2 billion in interest on Revolving Fund and FFB loans in fiscal 1988. Over the 53-year life of the REA, rural electric systems have paid the government \$22.5 billion in interest and \$14 billion in principal, for a total of \$36.6 billion. During that period they borrowed \$44.6 billion.

## **Electricity use to slow slightly**

The use of electricity is expected to grow by an average annual rate of 2.6 percent through the year 2000, down slightly from the 3 percent average that prevailed from 1972 through 1987, the Edison Electric Institute reports. The Institute, which represents investor-owned electric utilities, also predicted increased electrical use would slow further in the first 15 years of the next century, averaging 1.5 percent average growth. Despite reduced growth, electricity was projected to grab a bigger share of the total energy market, rising from 16.5 percent in 1987 to 19.4 percent in 2000 and 20.4 percent in 2015. The projections were based on a comprehensive study that examined trends in population, technology development and energy use in 78 different sectors of the economy. Part of the projections were based on an assumption that Americans will become more energy conscious in coming years. "Improving energy efficiencies are . . . a major part of the story, the study says. "By 2015, the average household is expected to consume some 22 percent less total energy annually."

## **Rural development issue picking up congressional steam**

Rural economic development is emerging as a major issue facing the young 101st Congress, with an Oklahoma representative calling on President Bush to beef up federal funding for rural development and the Senate Agriculture Committee chairman pledging to seek passage of a thorough rural development bill this year. Rep. Mike Synar (D-Okla.), declaring that President Bush can reverse years of Administration neglect of rural America, warned that "the new Administration must reject past proposals to end funding for the tools of economic development available to rural America." Synar also urged Bush to end the Reagan-era crusade to eliminate the Rural Electrification Administration, saying the federal agency that provides low-interest loans to the nation's rural electric co-ops helps those systems provide not only electricity but also "the impetus for other economic and community development." Meanwhile, Agriculture Committee Chairman Sen. Patrick Leahy (D-Vt.) said he will push for Senate action this year on a comprehensive rural development bill. "Rural America has been left out of the economic recovery," he declared. "I take President Bush's campaign promises to help rural America seriously."

## **Midwest population growing**

The Midwest's population is growing modestly after experiencing a decline early in the decade, according to 1988 estimates from the Commerce Department's Census Bureau. About two-thirds of the region's one million population gain since 1980 has occurred in the last three years, and all but three Midwestern states have shared in the turnaround. Most of the east North Central states have grown faster since 1985 than in the first half of the decade, led by Michigan (up by 211,000) and Ohio (up by 124,000). The Census Bureau says problems in the farm economy have affected population growth in several Midwestern states and in some states outside the region.



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60 to 64	24.60	46.10	54.30	32.80
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Age	Individual	Husband/Wife	All Family	One Parent/Children
Under 40	\$12.30	\$23.70	\$28.90	\$17.50
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guidebooks available for use in submitting projects (one application guidebook must be used for each entry). Completed applications must be received by the department no later than April 28. Projects should reflect broad volunteer support and participation.

If a project was started prior to 1988,

# Make your home town better and famous

Governor's Home Town Awards Program.

This program — a cooperative effort of the Illinois Department of Commerce and Community Affairs, Governor's Office of Voluntary Action and the Illinois Department on Aging now in its eighth year — is designed to recognize voluntary citizen participation in community improvement and economic development efforts that took place during calendar year 1988.

The Home Town Awards Program can help a community by giving statewide recognition to those volunteer efforts that have made their home town a better place.

Any city or village, or other local government, community organization, community action agency, or group of citizens within Illinois is eligible to enter the competition.

The Department of Commerce and Community Affairs has application

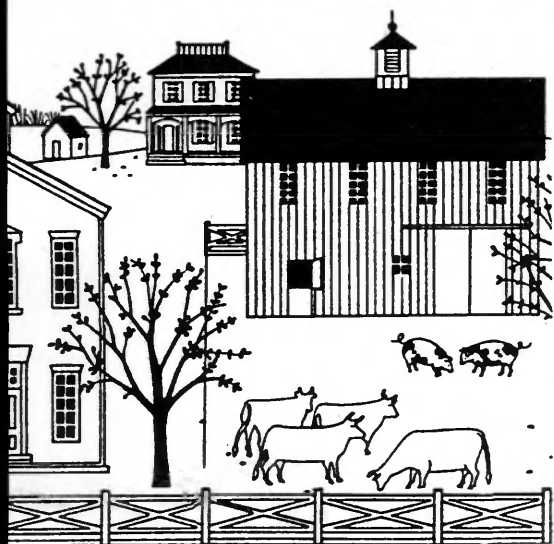
it may still be entered, although the judges will be examining only the portion accomplished in the immediate past calendar year.

Here are just a few examples of the many possible projects: commercial or industrial retention or attraction, job creation, development of a small business incubator, downtown improvements, parks and playgrounds, farmers markets, sidewalk replacement, art workshops, adult literacy programs, nature centers, bloodbanks and bloodmobiles, meals on wheels and many more.

The judging of the projects, which is done by a panel of impartial volunteer judges, will be based on four criteria: addressing an important community need, heavy commitment of volunteer resources, generating tangible results, and widespread community support.

Preliminary judging is done during May, with those communities surviving





the "cut" scheduled for site visits in June.

A project involving a number of communities is eligible for participation. Only one project application need be submitted for a joint project. There is no limit on the number of projects that a community may submit.

There are four project categories.

Under the general category, any project of any type that contributes to a community's overall improvement and quality of life may be submitted in this category.

In addition to the general category, there are three special award categories. The special categories are economic development projects, youth involvement projects and a senior citizens category.

The economic development category should involve volunteers in helping to create or retain jobs in private section of the community. It might be the building of a small business incubator or volunteer efforts of retired corporate executives to help new and developing small businesses. The youth and senior citizen projects should be selected, planned and conducted with the direct involvement of the community's youth and senior citizens.

Entrants are encouraged to enter their project for consideration in more than one of the above categories. For example, any of the special category projects may also be considered in the overall general category.

The Governor's Home Town Awards applications will be placed in population groups so that projects will com-

pete against projects of similar size.

For each community population category, a recognition road sign and plaque will be presented for first, second and third place, noting achievement in the program. Remaining winning projects will receive recognition certificates. Road signs and plaques will also be presented to the best project in each of the special categories.

The grand prize winner will be selected from the winners of first prize in all categories and will receive the traveling silver Governor's Cup at the awards banquet in July.

Last year's Governor's Cup winner was Brown County.

"The people of Brown County sat back a few years ago and took a good look at their future," explains Bob Glatz, administrator of the program. "Like their friends in other rural communities, they saw a number of problems—an agriculturally based economy which had suffered greatly in recent years, a declining business district, and an exodus of young people away from the community because of the lack of jobs.

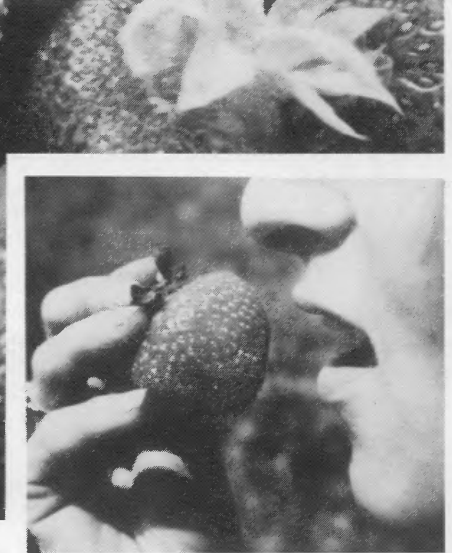
"These people made a firm decision. They would commit themselves to turning these problems around. They reactivated an economic development council to attract new businesses and jobs. They started a fund-raising drive to build a swimming pool and recreation area to make the community an attractive place for family fun.

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Previous Governor's Cup awards went to Evanston, Royal, Decatur, Barry and Wilsonville.

For more information on the Governor's Home Town Awards Program or to request an application guidebook, contact Glatz using the Illinois Department of Commerce and Community Affairs' toll-free Local Government Hotline number, 1-800-562-4688.

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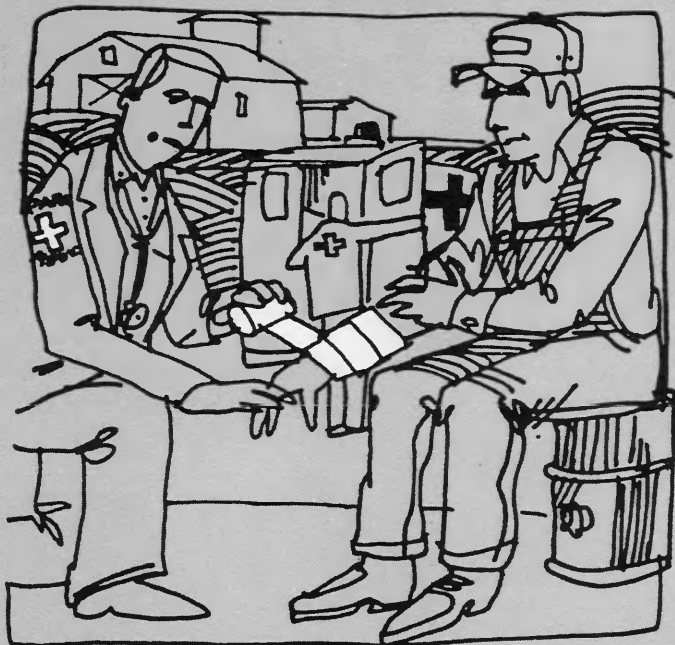
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## Farming most dangerous occupation

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According to Southern Illinois University-Carbondale agricultural mechanization specialist Owen R. Smith, there were 25 percent-plus more fatalities per 100,000 workers in agriculture than in mining in 1987. Construction ranked third.

"In the last year for which statistics are available, farm accidents resulted in over 1,600 deaths and 160,000 disabling

injuries," Smith says. "And this doesn't include another 300 to 400 fatalities involving children under the age of 14." Increased death rates from cancer and other diseases caused by long-term exposure to farm chemicals and environmental hazards are also not reflected in these accident figures.

"The public perception is that mining is more dangerous, because miners usually die in groups and the events are covered by television," says Smith. Farmers typically die alone, often while doing jobs they should not have attempted alone.

Public perception also affects government spending priorities, Smith believes. Upwards of \$100 million is spent each year on mining safety and enforcement, while only \$1 million is spent on farm safety, he said. "That's less than \$1 per farmer, and much of this money goes for accident data collection, rather than accident prevention."

Smith attributes most farm accidents to carelessness, often caused by fatigue or stress. He cites studies which indicate that accident rates go up late in the day and in the hour before mealtimes.

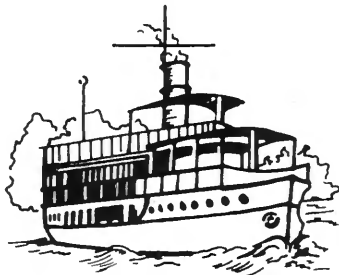
"If a machine is safe at 9 a.m.," he says, "it shouldn't be any less safe at 11:30 a.m., but statistically this would seem to be the case." After four or five hours behind the wheel, fatigue tends to affect farmers' judgment."

Seasons also affect accident rates. Harvest time is the worst, but planting season runs a close second, Council information indicates. Workers tend to be operating complicated equipment they aren't greatly familiar with and are under production pressures for long periods of time.

Smith says improved safety education is the key to reducing accident rates. He recommends farm operators use the winter months to review their safety practices and conduct safety training sessions for their employees.



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Television signals tend to give out by the time they reach the end of rural electric lines across the country, creating a sort of geographical communication blackout that for years has plunged many rural people into a keen isolation.

But the same perseverance and inventiveness that produced rural electric co-ops to bring power to the farmyards has

off of satellites in space.

Rural Americans who had settled for years for one or two fuzzy network broadcast signals found that the dishes provided them with a huge television menu to choose from. And when they turned on the tube, the picture and sound were high quality.

"Dollar for dollar for entertainment,



## Television for rural

been channeled to draw rural America into television's global village. Remarkably, the effort has paid off with programming and reception quality in the countryside that sometimes exceeds the television fare available in metropolitan areas.

The rural television revolution began in earnest less than 10 years ago. Since the early 1980s, more than 2 million Americans have bought and installed big backyard satellite dishes that receive television signals beamed directly from programming companies and bounced

you can't get a better value," boasts Chuck Hewitt, president of the Satellite Broadcasting and Communication Association, which represents dish manufacturers, retailers and distributors, programmers and others associated with the satellite television industry.

"We leaped rural America ahead of urban America," Hewitt says proudly.

Those early dishes didn't come cheap, of course, but once one was in place it would bring a wealth of television entertainment—literally scores of chan-



nels, some of them quite offbeat—into the rural home. And as more and more dishes were sold, the price naturally started to come down; eventually it came to rest at about \$2,500.

But then the skies suddenly started to go dark.

Programming companies began scrambling their signals to prevent in-

plenty of other television to watch. Hewitt figures a dish can receive as many as 200 TV channels, and only 60 of them at most will ever be scrambled.

"They are the more popular channels, true," he says. "But you've got to remember: How many movie channels do you want?"

Finally, Hewitt contends, the freedom of dishing up whatever television you can from space is an important advantage. "You can pick what you want to have, rather than what the cable owner wants you to have."

But high prices for individual channels and the time and effort it took to coordinate the choices didn't suite many dish-owning rural people, 25,000 of whom have signed up for the Rural TV programming package offered by the National Rural Telecommunications Cooperative (NRTC).

NRTC, launched about two years ago by two Washington, D.C.-based national rural electric organizations, struggled along for more than a year, fighting with huge programming companies for the right to provide rural Americans a wide selection of television entertainment at a reasonable price.

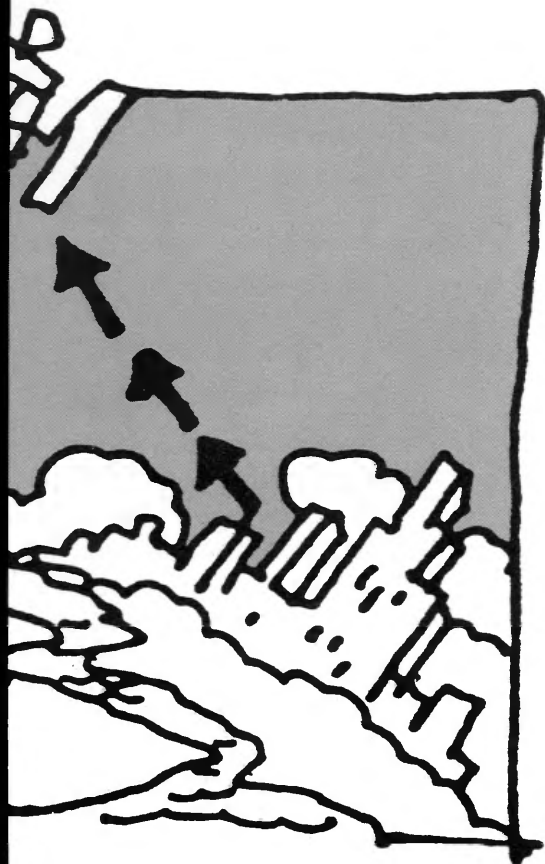
The breakthrough came last summer in the offices of Sen. Tim Wirth (D-Colo.), who helped negotiate a reasonable deal with Rural TV and such programming companies as Home Box Office and the Disney Channel. When those options were added to the Rural TV offerings, signups soared.

And climbing subscriber levels are attracting the interest of more and more programmers. Bob Phillips, NRTC's chief executive officer, says that situation could produce an ever-expanding cycle of improvement.

"We're working to increase the package without increasing rates," Phillips says. "We're starting to get programmers talking to us about getting into the basic package—which is new. We came from a position where they didn't want to talk to us at all."

Satellite dishes, however, still don't come cheap—although some co-ops are experimenting with credit plans for consumers interested in buying dishes, while others have developed leasing arrangements that help their consumers get the best in television.

—Rural Electric News Service



# America

dividual dish owners from getting free the same signals city people were paying cable companies for. Cable companies, predictably, said they couldn't make enough profit serving the countryside, and the result was another television blackout looming for rural America.

Hewitt, however, dismisses the complaints of many rural Americans that their dishes don't pull down as many signals as they did just a few short years ago. It's true that the most popular programming operations have scrambled their signals, he says, but that leaves



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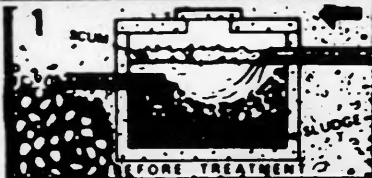
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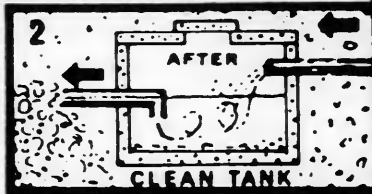
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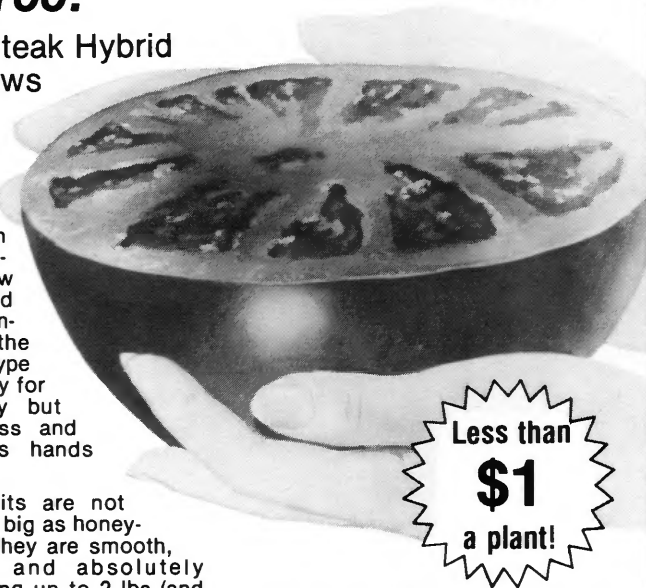
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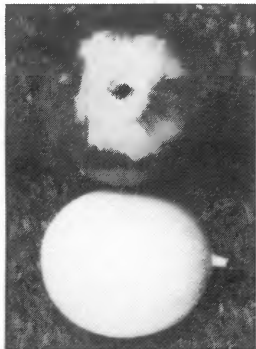
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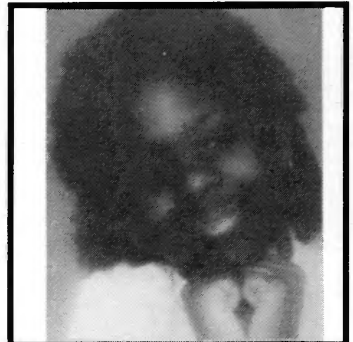
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# Spring

## PEACHY KEEN COBBLER 8 to 10 servings

### PASTRY:

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| 2 1/2 cups flour                | 1 cup butter                            |
| 1/2 teaspoon salt               | 3/4 cup Cheddar cheese, finely shredded |
| 1/4 cup sugar                   | 1/4 cup milk                            |
| 2 packages (3 oz.) cream cheese |   |

For pastry, combine flour, salt and sugar in a large mixing bowl. Using a pastry blender or two knives, cut in cream cheese and butter until it is the size of tiny peas. Add shredded cheese. Mix well. Gradually add the milk, dribbling it with a spoon here and there. Toss lightly with a fork. Using your hands, shape the mixture into a ball. Shape into a roll about 3 x 12-inches. Wrap in waxed paper or plastic wrap. Chill.

### FILLING:

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| 1 can (29 oz.) sliced peaches, undrained | 1 teaspoon cinnamon    |
| 1 can (21 oz.) peach pie filling         | 2 tablespoons sugar    |
| 2 tablespoons flour                      | 1/2 cup butter, melted |

For filling, combine sliced peaches and pie filling in a mixing bowl. Combine flour, cinnamon and sugar. Sprinkle over peach mixture. Add melted butter. Gently mix. Pour into a 13 x 9-inch casserole. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Slice pastry\* roll in 1/4-inch slices. Place on top of filling, slightly lapping edges. Bake until lightly browned (30-40 minutes). Remove from oven. Sprinkle surface with 2 tablespoons sugar. Return to the oven for 5-10 minutes longer until golden brown or broil for a few minutes.

\*Note: Our family likes lots of crust. If you wish, you may use only 1/2 of the crust and refrigerate the remaining for use in tarts, short cakes, etc.

## DATE PINWHEEL COOKIES

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| 1/2 cup butter           | 2 cups flour             |
| 1/2 cup brown sugar      | 1/2 teaspoon baking soda |
| 1/2 cup granulated sugar | 1/4 teaspoon salt        |
| 1 egg                    |                          |

Mix and chill for 30 minutes. Make filling out of the following:

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| 1/2 lb. or 1 cup chopped dates | 1/3 cup water |
| 1/4 cup sugar                  | Dash of salt  |
| 1/4 cup chopped pecans         |               |

Bring to a boil for 5 minutes over low heat. Roll out dough and spread with filling. Roll up and slice between 1/8-inch and 1/4-inch thick. Bake for 10 to 12 minutes at 350 degrees.

## LEMON CHIFFON DESSERT

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| 4 eggs             | 1/2 cup whipping cream |
| Juice of one lemon | Grated rind of lemon   |
| 3/4 cup sugar      | Graham crackers        |

Separate eggs. Blend egg yolks, sugar and lemon juice. Cook in double boiler until thick. Cool, then fold in beaten egg whites and whipped cream. Cover bottom of refrigerator dish with graham cracker crumbs, and add chiffon mixture and sprinkle graham cracker crumbs on top. Refrigerate until thoroughly chilled.



## CREOLE-STYLE FLOUNDER

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| 1 large green pepper, sliced in thin strips         | Salt   |
| 1 1/2 cups sliced green onions with tops            | Pepper   |
| 2 tablespoons butter or margarine                   | 1/2 teaspoon thyme                                 |
| 1 can (14 1/2 to 16 oz.) tomatoes, chopped (2 cups) | 1 bay leaf   |
| 1 can (8 oz.) tomato sauce                          | 1 1/2 lbs. fillets of flounder or other white fish |
|   | 3 cups hot cooked rice                             |

Saute green pepper and onions with tops in butter until tender. Stir in tomatoes, tomato sauce, 1 teaspoon salt, 1/4 teaspoon pepper, thyme, and bay leaf. Simmer gently for 20 minutes. Remove bay leaf. Arrange fish fillets in a lightly greased shallow baking pan. Season with salt and pepper. Spoon sauce over fillets. Bake at 375 degrees for 15 minutes or until fish flakes easily with a fork. Serve over beds of rice. Makes 6 servings, 247 calories each.

## FRENCH DIP SANDWICH

- 3 lbs. round roast  
Kitchen Bouquet

Choose choice beef. Rub Kitchen Bouquet into the roast and cook in a 325 degree oven to medium doneness. Shave very thin slices of the roast and pile on French rolls. Serve with au jus sauce. Yields filling for 12 rolls.

### Sauce:

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| 1 quart beef stock | 1/8 teaspoon seasoned salt       |
| 3/4 teaspoon salt  | 4 teaspoons Worcestershire sauce |
- Combine ingredients in a saucepan and simmer for two hours. Pour into a sauce dish and serve as a dip for the sandwiches.

## TUNA POTATO CASSEROLE

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| 1 can french style green beans, drained | 3/4 cup milk   |
| 1 pkg. (5 1/2 oz.) Au Gratin potato mix | 1 instant instant onion soup mix (single serving size) |
| 2 1/2 cups hot water                    | 2 tablespoons margarine                                |
| 1 can (6 1/2 oz.) tuna, drained         | 1 can (3 oz.) french fried onion rings                 |
- Mix all ingredients except onion rings. Cover and place in microwave. Cook on high for 18 minutes or until potatoes are tender and thickened. Stir 3 to 4 times during cooking. Sprinkle with onion rings. Cook 2 minutes. Let stand 5 minutes. Serves 6.

## CORNBREAD STUFFING

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| 1 pkg. corn bread stuffing mix              | 2 tablespoons parsley    |
| 8 slices bacon, cut in 1/2-inch pieces      | 2 cups poultry seasoning |
| 2 cups chopped celery                       | 2 eggs, slightly beaten  |
| 1 cup chopped onion                         | 5 cups croutons          |
| 1/2 cup margarine                           |                          |
| 2 cans (10 3/4 oz.) condensed chicken broth |                          |

Place bacon in 4 to 5 quart casserole. Microwave high for 5 minutes, stirring 1 to 2 times. Add celery, onion and butter. Microwave at high for 5 to 7 minutes, or until vegetables are tender. Stir in broth, parsley and poultry seasoning. Stir small amount of hot mixture into eggs, return gradually to hot mixture, stirring constantly. Mix in cornbread and croutons. Microwave on high for 7 to 10 minutes, or until some moisture has been absorbed and stuffing is hot.

## CHICKEN ACAPULCO

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| 1 medium onion, chopped                             | 1/2 cup sliced almonds, toasted                     |
| 1 tablespoon margarine                              | 1/2 teaspoon dried whole oregano                    |
| 3 cups cooked chicken                               | 1/4 teaspoon salt                                   |
| 1 can (10 3/4 oz.) cream of chicken soup, undiluted | 1/8 teaspoon pepper                                 |
| 1 carton (8 oz.) sour cream                         | 10 (7-inch) flour tortillas                         |
| 1 jar (4.5 oz.) sliced mushrooms, drained           | 1 can (10 3/4 oz.) cream of chicken soup, undiluted |
| 1 can (4 oz.) chopped green chilies, drained        | 1 cup (4 oz.) shredded sharp cheddar cheese         |
|   | 1/3 cup milk  |

Saute onion in margarine in a large saucepan until tender. Stir in the next 9 ingredients, mixing well. Spoon about 1/2 cup chicken mixture in center of each tortilla; roll up and place, seam side down, in a lightly greased 13 x 9 x 2-inch baking dish. Combine remaining ingredients; spoon over tortillas. Bake in a 350 degree oven for 35 minutes. Makes 5 servings.

## HOT CHICKEN SALAD PIE

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| 2 cups cooked and cubed chicken           | 1/2 cup cheddar cheese grated     |
| 1 cup finely chopped celery               | 1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce |
| 1 cup broken nuts                         | 1 teaspoon salt                   |
| 1 9-inch pie shell, half baked and cooled | 3/4 cup mayonnaise                |
| 1/2 cup chopped bread and butter pickles  | 2 tablespoons grated onion        |
|   | 2 tablespoons lemon juice         |
|   | 1 cup crushed potato chips        |
- Combine chicken, celery, pecans, pickles, mayonnaise, and seasoning. Mix together. Pour into partially baked pie shell that has cooled. Sprinkle with grated cheese. Top with crushed potato chips. Bake at 325 degrees for 30 minutes. Cut into wedges. Serve hot accompanied by a green vegetable and a canned apricot half for garnish. This recipe is also delicious served cold—leaving off the cheese and potato chips. It is also nice to serve as directed but place in individual pie shells. Serves 8.

## OLD FASHIONED OATMEAL COOKIES

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| 1 pkg. spice cake mix      | 1/4 cup water |
| 1 cup uncooked rolled oats | 1 cup raisins |
| 2 eggs                     | 1 cup pecans  |
| 1/2 cup cooking oil        |               |

Combine ingredients, blend well. Drop large teaspoons onto ungreased cookie sheet. Bake at 425 degrees for 8-10 minutes or until lightly browned.

## PLAY DOUGH

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| 2 cups flour         | 2 cups water                |
| 1 cup salt           | 4 teaspoons cream of tartar |
| 2 tablespoons Crisco | Food coloring               |

Mix in heavy saucepan and cook until thick (3 or 4 minutes). Cool. Knead on wax paper about 5 minutes. Store in airtight container. For grandmothers who do not mind messes, this will make your grandchildren happy.



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## EASTER BONNET CAKE

- 1 pkg. (2-layer) yellow cake mix
- 1 1/2 cups cold milk
- 1 pkg. (4-serving size) lemon flavor instant pudding and pie filling
- 3 1/2 cups (8 oz.) non-dairy whipped topping, thawed
- 2 1/2 cups flake coconut
- 1 or 2 drops red food coloring

Prepare cake mix as directed on package. Pour 3 1/2 cups of the batter into greased and floured 1 1/2-quart metal or ovenproof glass bowl; pour remaining batter into greased and floured 12 x 3/4-inch pizza pan. Bake at 350 degrees for 15 minutes for the pan and 50 minutes for the bowl, or until cake tester inserted in center comes out clean. Cool cakes 10 minutes; then remove from pan and bowl and finish cooling on racks. If bottom of bowl-shaped cake is very rounded, cut off a slice to make flat. Split bowl-shaped cake crosswise into 3 layers. Place 12-inch cake layer on large plate or tray. Spread layer with 1 1/2 cups of the whipped topping. Center bottom layer of bowl-shaped cake on frosted layer; spread with two-thirds of the pudding. Add the second layer; spread with remaining pudding. Add top layer, forming the crown. Spread remaining whipped topping over crown. Mix red food coloring and 1 teaspoon water in bowl. Add 3/4 cup of the coconut and toss with fork until evenly tinted. Place around bottom edge of crown to resemble hat band and bow. Sprinkle remaining coconut over rest of cake. Garnish with fresh flowers; if desired. Note: If pizza pan is not available, use greased and floured 9-inch layer pan, dividing batter between pan and bowl. Bake in pan for 25 minutes; bake in bowl as directed.

## COCONUT CRUST CHOCOLATE PIE

- 1 pkg. (6 serving size) chocolate flavor pudding and pie filling
- 1 pkg. (4 oz.) German sweet chocolate, broken in pieces
- 2 1/2 cups milk
- Quick Coconut-Pecan Crust
- 1 cup thawed non-dairy whipped topping

Combine pie filling mix, chocolate and milk in saucepan. Cook and stir over medium heat until mixture comes to a full rolling boil. Remove from heat; beat to blend, if necessary. Cool 5 minutes, stirring occasionally. Pour pudding mixture into crust; cover surface with plastic wrap. Chill at least 4 hours. Before serving, remove plastic wrap and garnish pie with whipped topping. Garnish with toasted coconut and pecan halves, if desired.

Microwave Directions: Gradually stir milk into pudding mix in 2 1/2-quart microwave-safe bowl. Add chocolate. Place in microwave oven and cook at high 4 minutes. Stir well and cook 2 minutes longer; then stir again and cook 2 minutes, or until mixture comes to boil. Remove from oven. Cool 5 minutes, stirring occasionally; pour into pie shell.

Quick Coconut-Pecan Crush: Combine 1/3 cup melted butter or margarine, 2 cups flake coconut and 1 cup ground pecans. Press evenly into ungreased 9-inch pie plate. Bake at 350 degrees for 20 minutes, or until golden brown. Cool.

## EASTER EGG TRUFFLES

- 3 square semi-sweet chocolate
  - 5 tablespoons unsalted butter
  - 1 egg yolk
  - 3/4 cup sifted confectioners sugar
  - 1 teaspoon rum (or use 1/4 teaspoon rum extract)
  - Toasted flake coconut or finely chopped nuts
- Melt chocolate in saucepan over very low heat, stirring constantly; cool. (Or, to microwave, place chocolate in microwave-safe bowl; heat at high until chocolate is almost melted, 1 1/2 to 2 minutes, stirring once. Stir until completely melted. Cool.) Cream butter with egg yolk. Gradually add sugar, blending well. Stir in chocolate and rum. Chill until firm enough to handle. Shape into 1-inch ovals to resemble eggs. Roll in coconut or chopped nuts; chill. Store in refrigerator. Makes about 15 candies.

## GLAZED COCONUT LOAF

- 1 1/2 cups (about) flake coconut
- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 2 1/4 teaspoons double-acting baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/3 cup butter or margarine
- 3/4 cup sugar
- 2 eggs
- 3/4 cup milk
- 1 tablespoon grated orange rind
- 4 squares semi-sweet chocolate
- 1/4 cup butter or margarine
- 1 tablespoon light corn syrup

Spread coconut thinly in shallow baking pan. Toast at 350 degrees for 7 to 12 minutes, stirring frequently until lightly browned; set aside. Mix flour, baking powder and salt. Beat butter with sugar until light and fluffy. Add eggs, one at a time, beating well after each. Add flour mixture alternately with milk, beating after each addition until smooth. Stir in toasted coconut and orange rind. Spoon batter into a greased 9 x 5-inch loaf pan. Bake at 350 degrees for 50 to 55 minutes or until cake tester inserted in center comes out clean. Cool in pan for 10 minutes. Remove from pan and cool on rack. For glaze, heat chocolate, butter and corn syrup in saucepan over very low heat, stirring constantly until melted and smooth. Chill until glaze thickens slightly, about 20 minutes. Pour glaze over cake and spread evenly. Garnish with coconut and jelly beans if desired.



Indulge family and friends with a festive, deceptively simple to prepare Easter Bonnet Dessert Buffet. Clockwise from top: Easter Bonnet Cake, Glazed Coconut Loaf and Easter Egg Truffles are made from delicious time-saving ingredients including Baker's chocolate and coconut.

## FRUIT 'N CREAM DESSERT MOLD

- 1 pint strawberries
- 1 banana, sliced
- 1 can (8 oz.) crushed pineapple in juice
- 2 cups boiling water
- 2 pkgs. (3 oz. each) cream cheese, softened
- Mint leaves
- 2 pkgs. (4-serving size) or 1 pkg. (8-serving size) lemon flavor gelatin

Hull 4 of the strawberries; thinly slice each without cutting through stem end. Slightly fan each berry. Arrange fanned berries and sliced banana in bottom of 6-cup mold. Drain pineapple, reserving juice. Add water to juice to make 1 cup. Dissolve gelatin in boiling water. Add measured liquid. Pour 1/2 cup of the gelatin over berries and bananas in mold; chill until set but not firm. Measure 1 1/4 cups gelatin into a bowl. Chill until thickened. Blend remaining gelatin slowly into cream cheese, beating until smooth; set aside. Add crushed pineapple to thickened gelatin; spoon into mold. Chill until set but not firm. Top with cream cheese mixture. Chill until firm, about 3 hours. Unmold. Garnish with remaining strawberries and mint leaves. Makes 10 servings.

## FRUIT COCKTAIL PIE

- 1 envelope Dream Whip
  - 1/2 cup cold milk
  - 1/2 teaspoon vanilla
  - 1 cup Eagle Brand milk
  - 1/2 cup lemon juice
  - 1 can drained fruit cocktail
  - 1/2 cup pecans, chopped
  - Large graham cracker crust
- Blend Dream Whip, cold milk and vanilla until well blended. Whip with mixer at high speed until topping peaks. Continue whipping until topping is light, fluffy and fully whipped (about 2 minutes longer). Makes about 2 cups. Mix Eagle Brand milk, lemon juice with Dream Whip. Add fruit cocktail and pecans. Pour into crust. Chill.

## TEA CAKES

- 2 sticks oleo, softened
  - 1 1/2 cups sugar
  - 2 eggs
  - 1/2 teaspoon soda
  - 1 teaspoon vanilla
  - 3 cups flour
  - 1 teaspoon baking powder
  - Raisins, optional
- Cream together oleo and sugar. Add eggs, soda, vanilla and baking powder. Mix well. Add flour, one cup at a time. Roll into small balls about the size of small walnuts. Place on a greased cookie sheet about 2-inches apart. Bake at 375 degrees for 8 to 10 minutes or until the edges start to brown. Do not overcook.

## PINEAPPLE COCONUT PIE

- 1 1/2 cups sugar
  - 1/4 cup flour
  - 1/4 teaspoon salt
  - 4 eggs
  - 1 teaspoon vanilla
  - 1/2 cup oleo, melted
  - 1 small can crushed pineapple
  - 1 cup coconut
- Mix first 3 ingredients and add to slightly beaten eggs and beat well. Add oleo and vanilla. Stir in pineapple and coconut. Pour in unbaked pie shell. Bake at 350 degrees for 45 minutes using a 9-inch pan.

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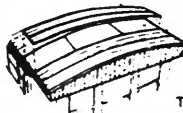
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"The obstacles facing our farmers as a result of the 1988 drought are no secret to the consuming public," said Illinois Director of Agriculture Larry A. Werries. "A declining number of farmers are being asked to efficiently produce for a growing domestic and international market. Illinois farmers are

the best in the world and I think equal to the task, however, there are agricultural challenges that require participation from everyone," Werries said.

Director Werries pointed to the need for a stable economy as well as a protected environment as two key areas which should arouse the interest of all consumers.

"From the first day I served as Director of Agriculture nearly eight years ago I have continually attempted to forge ahead in the area of market development and conservation of our natural resources," he said.

"Those factors which impact most heavily on our markets, domestically and internationally, are largely the product of federal policies. We participate in providing input for the formulation of those policies. However, in the area of conservation work we have the ability at the state level to play a much more active role," Werries said.

Werries, who will have served the longest continuous term of any Director of Agriculture in Illinois history, says the efforts of the 1980s in the arenas of conservation tillage and building of permanent structures are just the beginning of the work needed to attain conservation objectives. In recent years, serious activity has been added to address the issue of water quality, both regarding surface waters as well as ground water.

Werries believes a growing partnership between farmers and the consuming public will be necessary to adequately address future challenges. The celebration of Agriculture Day and Agriculture Week provides opportunities to initiate such cooperative relationships.

Jim Kunkle, assistant to Director Werries, is chairman of the Illinois Agriculture Day Committee. The committee serves as an informational resource to those in the state wishing to develop localized activities.



**Hubert Seymour (seated left), Illinois Farmers Union vice president, uses a chart to make a point about farm program costs during a panel session involving representatives of the Illinois Farmers Union and the Illinois Farm Bureau. Jeff Francis, vice president of the Vermilion County Farmers Union, holds the chart. Mike Dunn, legislative director of the National Farmers Union, looks on.**

Many people have the same goals, but often they differ on how to achieve the objectives.

During the Illinois Farmers Union (IFU) annual meeting last month in Springfield, IFU and Illinois Farm Bureau (IFB) panelists discussed their agreements and disagreements.

The panel was made up of Harold Dodd, IFU president; Hubert Seymour, IFU vice president; Michael Dunn, legislative director of the National Farmers Union; Kendall Cole, IFB vice president; Jim Gill, IFB director of commodities, and Allen Dale, president of the Bureau County Farm Bureau. Peggy Kaye, farm director for radio station WTAX in Springfield, served as moderator.

Both sides agreed that farm pros-

with assistance during hard times.

IFU doesn't think that scenario is possible and believes that, when push comes to shove, governments will intervene to protect their own farm economy at the expense of the American farmer. "There's no such thing as a free market farm economy," Dodd emphasized, adding, "The government is in agriculture now, has always been in agriculture, and always will be, and it's the same in other countries. You're kidding yourself if you think you're going to get the government out of agriculture."

In regards to the 1990 farm bill, IFB would like to see a continuation of the 1985 farm bill, with some fine tuning to give some flexibility. Farmers Union would like to discard it and start all over. IFB's Cole said, "We want the bill to support farmers' income, reduce grain stocks and guarantee a level playing field for exporting grain."

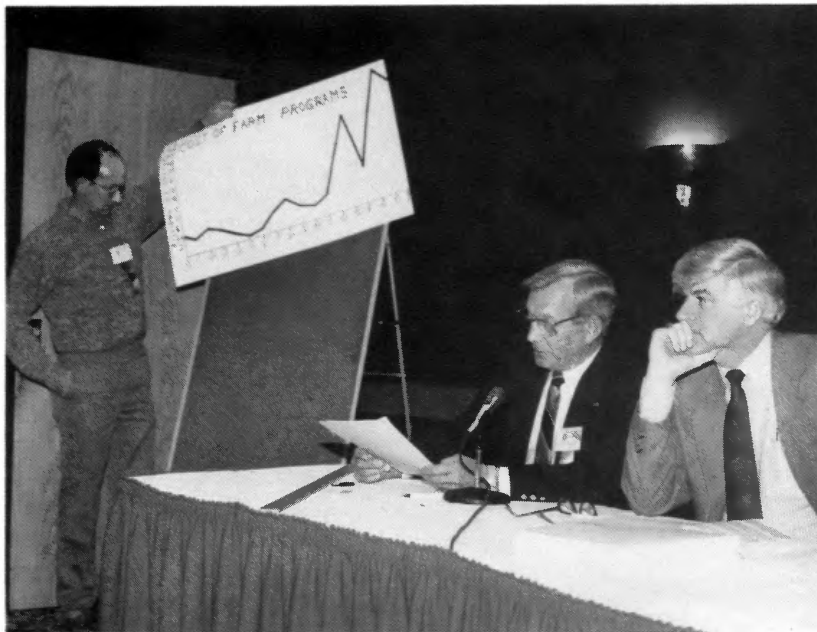
IFU, on the other hand, would like to see controls on the number of acres planted, to manage the supply and prevent the accumulation of surpluses that—when government-owned—can be dumped onto the market to keep prices down.

Seymour noted that the current bill is "too costly for taxpayers and too cheap for farmers. Something is wrong," he added, "when programs that cost so much money have still lost so many farmers to bankruptcy."

Dunn charged that U.S. Agriculture Secretary Clayton Yuetter "favors extending the present bill, because it's an election year and he wants to avoid controversy. He wants to hold domestic programs hostage for trade interests."

Gill noted that the next four years may see more of a problem with weather than with anything the legislators do or don't do. "Louis Thompson, a meteorologist at Iowa State University, is the man who predicted the drought of 1988, and he believes that we can expect a couple of summers to be better than last summer but drier than usual, then he expects another drought about like the one we just had. I think we'd better build something in the bill that takes care of weather effects."

Both groups agreed the next farm bill should allow for more flexible planning and that exports will play an important part in future farm revenues.



## Farm groups debate agriculture ideas

perity was their goal.

The IFB position stated was that, American farmers, if not fettered in the marketplace by myriad rules, restrictions, regulations and quotas, can compete with farmers in Europe, South America, Australia or anywhere and be more than competitive, if the competitors' governments can be kept out of the fray. Essentially, IFB sees the government's role in agriculture as that of a referee, assuring that all parties are treated fairly, and perhaps stepping in

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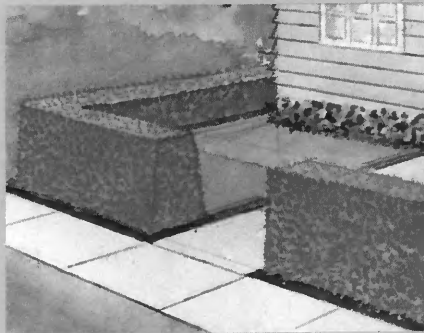
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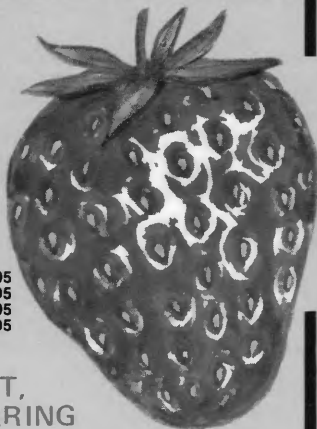
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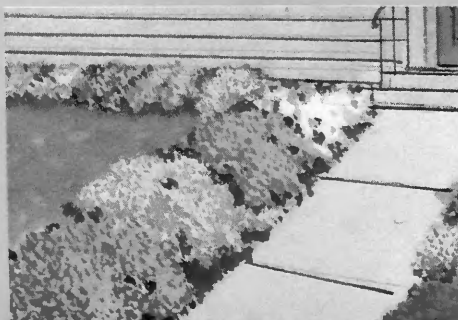
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